

In 1980, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis graciously allowed the author and Donald W. Powell to borrow and make xerographic copies of a large quantity of historical documents in her collection. All of those documents were copied and returned by the Brothers Powell to Lois Curtis in 1980, and were in Lois Curtis' document archive at the time of her death on May 27, 1981. Among those documents are three handwritten pages of information about the Randall family, written by Edwin A. Randall. A typescript by S. Robert Powell of the three pages of Edwin A. Randall's text is given below.

Edwin Randall, the eldest of fourteen children of Thomas W. Randall and Ruth Stafford, was born near Oxford, N.Y. Dec. 23rd 1808.

The family moved to Masonville N. Y. in 1825, and at the age of 22 he came to Wayne Co. Pa. where he resided until his death on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 30 - 1882.

He worked in several saw-mills, one near Fortenia and another near the old Glass Factory.

He and Mr John Bunting at one time owned and operated a saw-mill and tannery a short distance below Aldenville.

He then bought a piece of land in the southern part of Clinton township, which was covered with heavy timber, built a mill and cleared up the land and spent the remainder of his life on the farm. He and his family were regular attendants at the Church services.

He was rather small in size and quite lame and found it rather difficult to climb into the high wagons then in use, so taking two 14 ft ash planks he made a wagon that he could easily get into. Later the planks were shortened, and, it is said that was the origin of the much used wagon, The Buck board. Jan. 10 -1844 he married Lydia Holcomb of Coventry N. Y. They having two sons, George E. and Ralph E. George E. was born Dec. 31, 1846 and died March 27 - 1927. In 1870 he married Emily Lewis and after a short stay in Carbondale, they moved to New Era Bradford Co where he spent his life as a carpenter having built many houses and barns in Bradford Co.